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**UTILITY PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**(Only for new nonprovisional applications  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS FOR:

**LIQUID CRYSTAL OPTICAL MODULATOR AND  
DRIVE METHOD**

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(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).
    - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under  
Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby  
incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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  - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. ☐ Statement Verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s)) to: Citizen Watch Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan  
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9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney

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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed.

15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☒ [1] Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed.

Priority of Japanese application No. 2003-054356 filed on February 28, 2003 is claimed under 35 USC 119.

16. ☐ Other

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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Total Claims	38 - 20	18	x \$18.00	324.00
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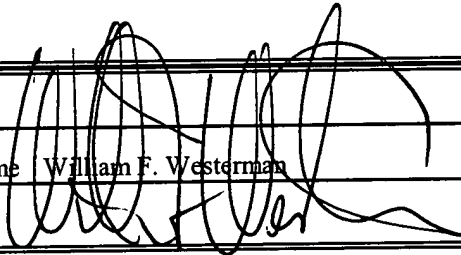
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